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Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you again for all of the support you have shown us this term in terms of managing the levels of Covid within the school. From our conversations with Public Health they have been very positive about the extent to which we have kept cases at a steady level.

We have seen that certain classes have been affected by outbreaks more than others, and have therefore written directly to parents and carers of children who are in any classes with high numbers of positive cases, so that you are able to exercise caution over the holiday and follow the advice to get a PCR due to being identified as a close contact.

Wiltshire local authority and Public Health have sent letters to all schools instructing us to keep a number of measures in place for at least 14 days after the holiday:

1. **Ensure pupils with symptoms are kept at home and complete PCR tests**
2. **Maintain Lateral Flow testing – all staff and students should test on Sunday 31st October before returning to school**
3. **Halt assemblies for the time being and any other 'large gatherings and mixing' – these events will continue to be on Teams.** The exception to this will be the Year 11 mock exams which will continue as planned, with exam desks spaced out and adequate ventilation in place – it is important for Year 11 to have this opportunity to practice for the summer exams.
4. **Continue to wear face coverings in communal areas such as corridors when movement occurs between lessons** (if numbers rise again we will need to ask for them to be worn in classrooms too)
5. **Reduce mixing** between groups of students as much as possible
6. **Social distancing and good infection prevention control amongst staff** as much as possible due to the large numbers of staff who are contracting the virus.

We will, as ever, continue to update you on the situation as needed. We wish your children and families a good half term break.

Yours faithfully
C A Dean
Co-Headteacher

